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I feel strongly that Microsoft should be punished for it's trangressions. There is a horrible misunderstanding of the point of the suit in the first place. Microsoft is a monopoly and has used that monopoly position to force others out of business or to bend to fit their desires. Microsoft has done tremendous injury to the Java community, Netscape, Apple and countless others with it's anti-competitive practices.

It affects people's freedom to choose among alternatives. It affects the price people must pay, directly or indirectly. It also has longer-term implications for prople's privacy and security. It means less innovation and lower quality software. Please consider this when making your decision. Thank you very much.

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